

Dear PTA President:

We have recently learned about EPA's Air Quality Flag Program and the health benefits it can offer our school community. The program is a perfect fit for our school and we need your support in order to get started.

Through the Air Quality Flag Program, schools and organizations across the country raise a flag each day alerting their communities to the quality of the air they breathe. The color of the flag matches the color of the Air Quality Index: green, yellow, orange, red, and purple. For example, if the air quality is good, the flag is green; if the air quality is unhealthy, the flag is red.

Our students and teachers will know the air quality forecast each day by looking at the flag color. If the conditions are unhealthy, they will refer to the program's Outdoor Activity Guidelines. The Guidelines offer recommendations on how to keep students active while adjusting physical activities to help reduce exposure to air pollution. This is important for children and teens while their lungs are still developing—and especially for those who have asthma.

To implement the Air Quality Flag Program, we must purchase a set of five flags, which cost approximately \$100. We are requesting your financial assistance to purchase these flags.

For the cost of a set of flags, this environmental program will help us protect the health of our students and raise awareness about air quality and air pollution issues.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please visit the <u>Air Quality Flag</u> Program website.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, School Nurse, Teacher, Coach, Etc.